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SUBJECT: US PREPARATIONS FOR UNGA SPECIAL SESSION

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1. DANISH EMBASSY MINISTER (DYVIG) CALLED ON DEPUTY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY IO BLAKE MARCH 19 TO INQUIRE INTO

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT USG VIEWS TOWARDS UN FOLLOWING REVIEW

OF LAST GA AND OTHER UN DEVELOPMENTS IN 1974. BLAKE

RESPONDED BY DESCRIBING US ATTITUDES TOWARDS AND PREPARA-

TIONS FOR 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA NEXT SEPTEMBER AND

SOLICITING DANISH VIEWS ON THAT SUBJECT.

2. BLAKE SAID LDC'S WERE LEADING UN TO FOCUS ATTENTION

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ON ECONOMIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THEM. UPCOMING SPECIAL

SESSION WAS PART OF THIS TREND, BUT SHOULD BE SEEN AS ONLY ONE OF SERIES OF IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS ON ECONOMIC ISSUES, BOTH WITHIN UN FRAMEWORK AND OUTSIDE IT. US SOUGHT TO MAKE SESSION PART OF A FRANK DIALOGUE WITH LDC'S, DIALOGUE WHICH WOULD RECOGNIZE BOTH IMPORTANCE OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS AND CONSTRAINTS ON DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO REARRANGE WORLD ORDER TO LDC'S LIKING.

3. IN EFFORT TO TAKE POSITIVE, OPEN APPROACH TO SESSION, US THOUGHT DC'S SHOULD BEGIN NOW TO WORK ON COMMON APPROACH TO SESSION. PURPOSE WAS NOT TO FIX RIGID DC BLOC POSITION,

BUT RATHER FIND A COMMON DOCTRINE AND PURPOSE. FOR THIS PURPOSE WE FELT THERE SHOULD BE FURTHER BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES TO BE DEALT WITH; AND CERTAIN USE OF MULTILATERAL MEETINGS SUCH AS OECD AND PERHAPS AD HOC GATHERING, ALTHOUGH WE WISHED TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF "GANDING UP." AFTER PRELIMINARY EXCHANGES WITH DC'S, WE THOUGHT DIRECT BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH MAJOR LDC'S WOULD BE IMPORTANT STEP IN SEEKING TO ENCOURAGE MORE MODERATE APPROACH FROM THEM. BLAKE CONCLUDED THAT WE WOULD WELCOME ANY DANISH SUGGESTIONS ON METHOD AND TIMING OF CONSULTATIONS WITH BOTH DC'S AND LDC'S AND IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL LDC'S WITH WHOM CONTACT IN EARLY STAGES WOULD BE MOST PROFITABLE.

4. DYVIG REPORTED THAT DANISH GOVERNMENT STRONGLY FAVORED MAINTENANCE OF UN AND WESTERN SUPPORT FOR IT, AND FELT THAT BEST WAY TO DEAL WITH LDC CONFRONTATION TACTICS DISPLAYED LAST YEAR WAS--AS BLAKE WAS PROPOSING--EARLY BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH LDC'S. FALSE CONSENSUS WAS FRUITLESS FOR LDC'S AND HARMFUL TO DC INTERESTS IN ROLE OF UN. THERE WAS NEED TO MOVE LDC'S AWAY FROM MERE EXPRESSION OF IDEOLOGY TO DEALING WITH PRACTICAL ISSUES. IN THIS CONTEXT, HE SAID IT MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE TO DISCUSS COMMODITY TRADE POLICY IN UNGA IN ORDER TO REMOVE IT FROM OIL PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONFERENCE. IN FURTHER REMARKS ON THIS SUBJECT, DYVIG SAID THAT WHILE LOME CONVENTION WAS AN EXAMPLE OF COOPERATIVE APPROACH WITH LDC'S, EC-9 DID NOT HAVE AGREED POSITION ON COMMODITY

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TRADE ISSUES, NOTING THAT UK WAS WORKING ON AN IDEA. HE CONCLUDED THAT MAJOR ECONOMIC ISSUES SUCH AS THESE COULD NOT BE RESOLVED IN PERIOD OF FEW MONTHS OR AT TWO-WEEK MEETING.

5. DYVIG'S REMARKS APPARENTLY REFLECT DANISH GOVERNMENT REASSESSMENT DESCRIBED REFTEL, AND SHOW STRONG SIMILARITY WITH US VIEWS. YOU MAY DRAW ON ABOVE IN FURTHER

DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA. INGERSOLL

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